

DECEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE BLACK SHEEP SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER

We have been out of the tower since the 2nd meeting in October due to the remodeling of the Wright Room at the Centennial Airport Tower. I am hoping that we will be back there for the first meeting in January. We will not have a 3rd week meeting in December so we may have had our last meeting at the DMA auditorium. I will be checking with the Arapahoe Airport Authority, this month, to see if we will be able to return. Once again I want to thank **William “Robbie” Robinson**, the Deputy Director of the Department of Military Affairs for his help in getting us this temporary meeting place.

The Holiday Party, Saturday, 10 December, at Blossoms will replace the 3rd meeting in December. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It is the same place as last year. The social hour was pretty good and the food was great. I will also plan to pass out some awards.

STAFF

No change in the staff last month. I still need a Public Affairs Officer badly.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We did well last month in professional development with **Captain Mikhail Belov** completing Level II.

OPS/ES

The squadron is planning to support a Buckley AFB, Major Accident Response Exercise (MARE). The primary aircrew will be **Lt Col Bob Beabout, Lt Col Jim Jenkins, and Captain Bob York**. They will be doing an SDIS mission on Wednesday, 7 December, in conjunction with the 460th Air Base Wing and local agencies. We will be using 29E from Pikes Peak Senior Squadron since the SDIS equipment in 71N isn't operational and wing does not want to switch it out. While at Peterson, the crew will get a refresher on the SDIS. The Operations plan, and mission number is set. **Dave Cohen**, previously a Colorado Wing LNCO, is the coordinator for the 460th. If the weather cooperates and the equipment works it should be a go.

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

Since the last message, we were able to promote **Mikhail Belov**, and **Hank Eng** to Captain.

Two of our members, **Lt Col Bob Beabout** and **Captain Don Johnson**, were awarded a Disaster Relief Ribbon with "V" device, from wing for their support during hurricane Katrina.

TRAINING

We are still waiting for mission approval to do the flying part needed to complete the sorties for the previously completed scanner, observer, and pilot training SQTRs. We are continuing to work toward getting that mission approved.

Jim Cooksey and **Jim Montgomery** got a month off in the training department

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